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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, BM

SUBJECT: OPERATION PAPRIKA

REF: RANGOON 2566 AND PREVIOUS

1. UPON GUB PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUBJECT OPERATION,  
THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE.  
NO MENTION WILL BE MADE OF US PARTICIPATION. BEGIN  
TEXT:

MATHEA FALCO, SENIOR ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS, AND PETER BOURNE,  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT  
THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA HAS SUCCESSFULLY MADE A MAJOR  
SEIZURE OF NARCOTICS AND REFINERY GOODS FROM INSURGENT  
GROUPS ALONG THE THAI-BURMA BORDER. IN ADDITION THE  
BURMESE HAVE MADE MORE DIFFICULT THE BORDER CROSSINGS  
WHICH ARE PREVALENT IN THIS AREA. DR. BOURNE SAID,  
"THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE CONTINUING CAMPAIGN TO  
DIMINISH THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS FROM THIS AREA, AND THE  
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BURMESE SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED FOR THEIR ANTI-NARCOTICS  
EFFORTS WHICH ARE BEGINNING TO HAVE A VERY SERIOUS ADVERSE  
IMPACT ON THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS."  
END TEXT.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONVEY IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER THE  
DEEP PERSONAL CONCERN AND REGRET OF MS. FALCO AND DR.

BOURNE OVER THE PREMATURE THAI PRESS LEAKS. THEY WISH TO REASSURE THE GUB THAT WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO PREVENT SUCH UNHAPPY OCCURANCES IN THE FUTURE.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT QUOTED IN PARA 1 WILL NOT RPT NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL EMBASSY CLEARANCE TO DO SO IS RECEIVED. CHRISTOPHER

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